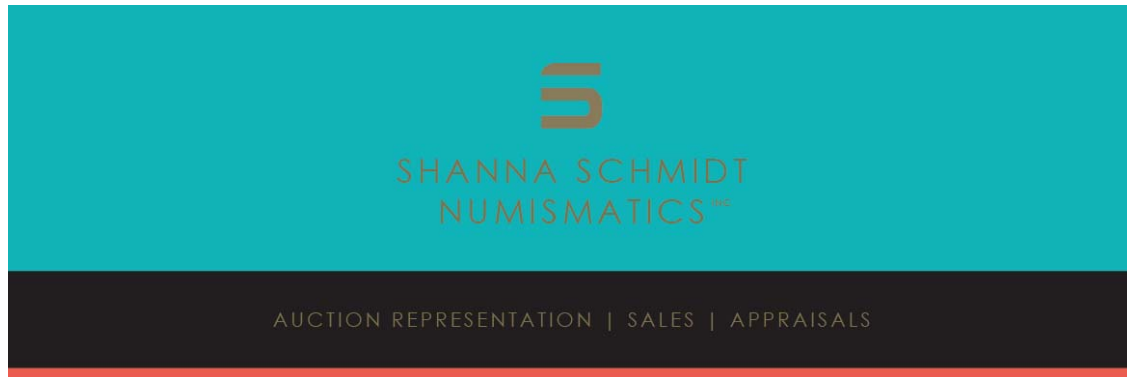


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Hello everyone! I'm writing this newsletter from lovely Zürich. I know most of you are aware that I am in Europe for a month attending auctions (NAC, Roma, Künker and G&M) and viewing upcoming auctions (Leu, Nomos, Hess-Divo). I started viewing NAC today and was impressed by their Greek catalog 110. There are a few exceedingly rare pieces that one rarely gets the opportunity to buy. I'm looking forward to seeing everything the Fall European auctions have to offer. I'm sad that I'm not able to attend the Hirsch auction in September (ancients are on the 26th) but there are just too many things going on and something had to give. I recommend looking through their catalog.

On a personal note I had the once in a lifetime opportunity to marry two important people to me. Yes, I said marry! I got ordained online (it's so easy it isn't even funny) and my sister Landen and fiance Kyle tied the knot in the Alps in Switzerland in a picturesque ski town of First. It was romantic, memorable and so exciting. (see photos above)

So without further ado.....here is what is happening this week:

NAC Auction 110 and 111 (Sept 24)

There are a few major collections being auctioned off. The first is the Jean L. Collection of Greek Coins. Many will notice coins that have pedigrees that go back to the early 1900's. Impressive and lovely pieces of course. Some may note that several have come from NAC auctions in the last 5-10 years. This phenomena occurs more often now where coins are coming quicker back to market. While I don't advocate to clients to sell their coins quickly I understand that everyone has reasons of their own for selling. I call this a second opportunity for customers to get coins that they liked but possibly lost. If you like pedigrees then you must look at this auction.

Catalog 111 is 250 coins from primarily two collections. The entire catalog is of only gold coins. One of the consignors is anonymous but the other is the now deceased but very well known academic and author Dr. Pierre Bastien. Dr. Bastien was first a surgeon but his hobby was an important part of his life. He became an expert on late Roman numismatics and his books are referenced quick frequently still, therefore, it is a real treat to see his coins come to auction.

DNW (Sept 25)

Dix Noonan Webb has an interesting collection of countermarked and cut coins from the Lyall Collection. An fascinating group of coins that is slightly out of my area of expertise but still compelling. There are 328 coins in this collection. This is a great example of how to organize a collection based on a theme. I'll likely not be involved in this auction but if you have interest please get in touch since I will be in London at the time.

Sovereign Rarities Auction 1 (Sept 25)

The new kids on the block, Sovereign Rarities are holding their first auction on Sept 25. While SR does have a great ancient coin department this initial auction unfortunately doesn't have any ancient coins. I'm looking forward to future auctions where they will be offering ancients. This first auction is a nice collection of 613 mainly British coins and medals. While I will be busy viewing the Roma auction on the 25th I will keep my eye on Sovereign Rarities and hopefully attend one of their auctions in the near future. Good luck guys!

CNG E-Auction 429 (Sept 25)

Just on the heels of their successful Mail Bid Sale 109, CNG will auction 757 ancient and world coins on September 25. If you haven't squirrelled away all your money for the Fall European auctions than peruse their lots. I always seem to find a coin or two I want to have for my inventory.

Roma Auction 16 (Sept 26)

I'll be viewing this auction on Sept 25 almost straight after arriving in London to ensure that I am prepared for the 26th. There is a sizeable and interesting collection of Etruscan coins as well as some fantastic types rarely offered. I'm looking forward to attending Coinex on the following weekend in London. This should be a nice start to the London part of my trip. Please get in touch soon if you want me to represent you and view coins. Timing is tight but I should be able to see everything on the 25th.

Baldwin's of St. James Auction 20-23 (Sept 26-28)

Baldwin's of St. James is conducting four auctions over the course of 2 days during the course of Coinex. They are the official auctioneer during the popular trade show. The majority of the coins are British and World but there are some nice ancients being auctioned off on Sept 28. If you are attending Coinex attending this auction is a no-brainer or at least popping in for some fun.

Künker Auction Auction 312 - Ancients portion only (Oct 8)

The festivities in Osnabrück actually begin on October 5 and end on the 12th, however the ancient portion will fall on October 8. My last trip to Osnabrück around this time last year was absolutely delightful. If you ever have a chance to visit the folks at Künker, do so! They really make you feel at home. This auction features two major collections, one of "Dr. W.R." and the Eberhard Link collection of Roman Aes Grave. There is a very large grouping of ancient Spanish coins and yet an even larger Celtic coin section. The catalog really has a lot to offer in terms of varied coinage and pedigree. It is worth to check out. I'll be viewing Künker from October 2-5 so please get me your bids prior to this.

Gorny & Mosch Auction 257 - (Oct 15-16)

G&M has a nice auction comprised of 1,036 coins for their ancients portion. It has been awhile since I attended a G&M auction because of timing conflicts. I'm happy to be able to go out for this auction as there seems to be some nice material on offer. There is a substantial Celtic section of 93 coins. The Greek section is varied but has some excellent offers on Sicilian coinage. The estimates for the auction are very reasonable and the quality high. I will be viewing G&M on the a few days prior to the auction so please keep that in mind when giving me bids to allow for sufficient viewing.



Coin of the Week

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LUCANIA. Metapontum. c. 540-510 BC

AR Nomos, 8.14g (30mm, 12h). Ear of barley with eight grains / Incuse ear of barley with nine grains; raised and dotted border.

Price: \$8,500

The coinage of Metapontum is among the earliest coins struck in mainland Greece after the onset of coinage in c. 650 BC. These early coins have thinner flans and the reverse is simply an incuse of the obverse. Other Italian cities such as Sybaris and Poseidonia also had similar styles with an incuse for the reverse.

It was typical for coins to reflect the symbolism of important features of the minting Greek city state. In this case, the grain was used to exhibit that wheat was plentifully grown in the area and likely a source of wealth and prosperity for the inhabitants of Metapontum.

The innovative incuse reverse types are valued for their beauty, as well as the skill of the 6th century die engravers.

Grade: Breathtaking iridescent toning. Light scratch in field on obverse. Extremely sharp strike. EF

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

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